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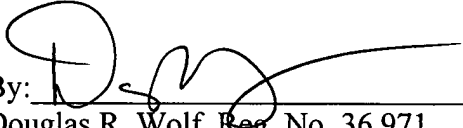
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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to provide priority application information under PCT Article 21(2) of the PCT application of which the above-identified application is a U.S. national stage application. No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to conform with U.S. practice. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**MARKED-UP CLAIMS.**"

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MARKED-UP CLAIMS

Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 32, 33, 36, and 39 have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either of claims] claim 4 [or 5], wherein the surface of the internal bore of the swaging head provided by the taper from the first to the second diameter is a guiding surface, and the surface provided by the taper from the second to third diameter is a swaging surface.
7. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 3 [to 6], wherein the surface of the internal bore of the swaging head from the second/third diameter to the third/fourth diameter is arranged to be substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the swaging head.
9. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 3 [to 8], wherein the swaging head is arranged with at least first and second swaging formations, whereby the fourth diameter of the first swaging formation is greater than the first diameter of the second swaging formation.
10. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 3 [to 9], wherein the first diameter of the first swaging formation is the closest diameter of all of the diameters of all of the swaging formations to the tubular end, in use.
15. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either of claims] claim 13 [or 14], wherein the surface of the external diameter of the swaging head provided by the taper from the first to the second diameter is a guiding surface, and the surface provided by the taper from the second to third diameter is a swaging surface.
16. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 12 [to 15], wherein the surface of the external diameter of the swaging head from the second/third diameter to the

third/fourth diameter is arranged to be substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the swaging head.

18. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 12 [to 17], wherein the swaging head is arranged with at least first and second swaging formations, whereby the fourth diameter of the first swaging formation is smaller than the first diameter of the second swaging formation.

19. (Amended) An apparatus cording to [any of claims] claim 12 [to 18], wherein the first diameter of the first swaging formation is the closest diameter of all of the diameters of all of the swaging formations to the tubular end, in use.

22. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either of claims] claim 20 [or 21], wherein the swaging head is moveable toward the stop plate by means of a piston.

23. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 20 [to 22], wherein the swaging head and the stop plate are movably coupled to one another by a frame.

25. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either of claims] claim 23 [or 24], wherein the frame comprises at least one member coupled to both of the swaging head and the stop plate.

27. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either of claims] claim 25 [or 26], wherein the coupling between the member and the stop plate comprises a screw thread engagement.

28. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 20 [to 27], wherein the stop plate comprises a bore and a device for obturating the bore, such that when the device obturates the bore, the device abuts the said other end of the tubular, in use.

32. (Amended) An apparatus according to [either of claims] claim 30 [or 31], wherein there are two clamping devices provided, a forward clamping device which is arranged to be closest to

the swaging head, and a rear clamping device which is arranged to be furthest from the swaging head.

33. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 30 [to 32], wherein the clamping segments are housed within a clamping ring.

36. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 33 [to 35], wherein the clamping ring is split into at least two part circular members.

39. (Amended) An apparatus according to [any of claims] claim 33 [to 38], wherein a range of segments can be housed within the ring.